



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HIGHWAY 101 LANE CLOSURES NEXT WEEK FOR WILLOW ROAD PROJECT

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – The Hwy. 101/Willow Road Interchange Project will result in a closure of the northbound No. 1(fast lane) in both directions of Hwy. 101 beginning Tuesday, April 17 through Thursday, April 19 during the **overnight hours from 7 pm to 6 am**, weather permitting.

These closures are necessary to remove the detour in the center median which is no longer needed.

This project includes the extension of Willow Road from Hetrick Avenue to Thompson Road. Construction is expected to be completed this year establishing a direct link on the Nipomo Mesa from Hwy. 1 to Hwy. 101.

The contractor for this \$18 million project is Granite Construction of Santa Maria. This project is funded by developer fees, the County of San Luis Obispo, the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) and the California Transportation Commission. This project is under permit from Caltrans.

Caltrans reminds motorists that 'we're here to get you there'.

For traffic updates on other state highways in San Luis Obispo County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at (805) 549-3318 or visit the District 5 website at : http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm

